

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the following remarks and above amendments, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 are currently pending in the present application. As indicated above, independent Claims 1, 4, and 7 have been amended.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has again rejected Claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,636,503 (*Shiran*). Additionally, the Examiner has objected to informalities in the specification and the drawings.

With regard to the objection to the drawings, the Examiner has objected to the replacement drawings for not including the legend --REPLACEMENT DRAWING--. Accordingly, the previously submitted amended drawings are enclosed herewith, now amended to include the legend --REPLACEMENT DRAWING—in the header thereof. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

With regard to the objection to the specification, the Examiner is requiring that CO, SIO, and new reference numerals 21a, 21b, and 21c be defined in the specification. As indicated above, the specification has been amended to include these elements. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

As indicated above, the Examiner has again rejected Claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Shiran*. In response to the previous remarks and amendments of October 4, 2004, the Examiner asserts that *Shiran* does teach that the PBX is connected to the Internet, even though it is indirectly connected through other devices. Therefore, as indicated

above, independent Claims 1, 4, and 7 have been amended to recite directly connecting a Local Area Network (LAN) connection board to the Internet.

More specifically, *Shiran* describes accessing software applications residing on a telecommunications switch. The system includes a communication server that acts as a gateway between the switch and remote clients. The client-server architecture of the system permits concurrent connectivity and off-loads much of the processing demand from the switch to the server and/or clients.

Figures 1 and 2 of *Shiran* clearly show a telecommunications switch 12 connected, via a local area network (LAN) 16, to a communication server 14. Contrary to *Shiran*, the present invention describes “a **connection board** located at the PBX with a unique IP (Internet Protocol) address and connected directly to an Internet” recited in amended Claim 1; “directly connecting a Local Area Network (LAN) **connection board** to the Internet” recited in amended Claim 4; and “directly connecting a Local Area Network (LAN) **connection board** in the PBX to the Internet” recited in amended Claim 7. This direct connection to the Internet enables a user to easily program a PBX without the utilization of a telephone line. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1, 4, and 7 are patentably distinct from the Examiner’s cite art, i.e., *Shiran*.

Without conceding the patentability *per se* of the dependent claims, for at least the above reasons, Claims 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Additionally, in regard to the Examiner’s comments concerning the direct connection being new matter, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner is incorrect. More specifically, it is respectfully submitted that FIG. 2 clearly illustrates that each of the LAN connection boards can be connected directly to the Internet. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the currently presented

amendments to Claims 1, 4, and 7 do not present any new matter.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims, namely Claims 1-8 are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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